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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8 are pending. Claims 3-8 are allowed.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1 and 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,129,528. A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith to address the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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